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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT OF RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on December 28, 2005, Applicants submit this Response.

Claims 1-83, of which claims 1, 74, 79, and 83 are independent, are pending in the application. The Office action requires election of a single one of the following identified species: Group I drawn to Claims 1 - 78; Group 2 drawn to Claims 79-83. Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I drawn to Claims 1-78.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of all pending claims, with claims 1-78 proceeding to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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